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1. ALL OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHT OPERATIONS SUSPENDED DECEMBER 1. STRIKE OF 13 UNIONS REPRESENTING OLYMPIC PERSONNEL SCHEDULED TO COMMERCE MIDNIGHT DECEMBER 2. SITUATION IS CULMINATION OF EVENTS THAT STARTED NOVEMBER 23 WITH OLYMPIC'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION GIVE ALL OF ITS PERSONNEL ONE MONTH'S INVOLUNTARY LEAVE AT HALF PAY DURING THE FIVE MONTHS BEGINNING DECEMBER 1. UNION THREATS OF STRIKES AND GOG INTERCESSION ONLY HARDENED POSITION OF OLYMPIC MANAGEMTN WHICH THEN THREATENED TO LAY OFG SIX PERCENT OF ITS WORK FORCE.

2. FACING HEAVY LOSSES BECAUSE OF FUEL PRICES AND DRAMATIC TOURIST TRAFFIC DROP RESULTING FROM CYPRUS CRISIS, OLYMPIC HAS LONG WARNED THE GOG OF ITS FINANCIAL PREDICAMENT AND REQUESTED ACCESS TO TRANSIT FUEL AND OTHER CONCESSIONS. CYPRUS CRISIS AND POLITICAL EVENTS HAVE PREVENTED GOG FROM ACTING.

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MEANWHILE, OLYMPIC'S RELATIONS WITH LABOR, PARTICULARY THE

PILOT'S UNION, HAVE GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE. THIS LATEST
CRISIS MAY WELL BE THE CRUSIAL ONE IN DECIDING OLYMPIC'S FUTURE.
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